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SUMMARY OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

January 20, 2011

The Committee on Legal Services met on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 8:34 a.m. in HCR 0112. The following members were present:

Senator Morse, Chair
Senator Brophy
Senator Carroll
Senator Roberts (present at 8:35 a.m.)
Senator Schwartz
Representative B. Gardner, Vice-chair
Representative Labuda
Representative Levy
Representative Murray
Representative Waller

Representative Labuda called the meeting to order. She said the main agenda item is the election of new officers. Do we have any nominations for Chair?

Representative Gardner said as I considered the makeup of this Committee, I realized that we have the potential to do all sorts of 5-5 deadlocks, as well as not pass things, so I consulted with my friend and colleague from the other house, Senator Morse.

8:35 a.m.

Representative Gardner nominated Senator Morse to serve as Chair of the Committee. Representative Levy seconded the nomination. The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Representative Gardner, Representative Labuda, Representative Levy, Representative Murray, Representative Waller, Senator Brophy, Senator Carroll, Senator Morse, Senator Roberts, and Senator Schwartz voting yes.

8:37 a.m.

Senator Morse nominated Representative Gardner to serve as Vice-chair of the Committee. The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Representative Gardner, Representative Labuda, Representative Levy, Representative Murray, Representative Waller, Senator Brophy, Senator Carroll, Senator Morse, Senator Roberts, and Senator Schwartz voting yes.

8:40 a.m. -- Debbie Haskins, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative Legal Services, addressed the Committee. She said at the last meeting we put off making a decision about the sponsorship of the rule review bill, so we need to get a sponsor from the House and from the Senate to introduce the bill. Traditionally, that's been the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee.

Senator Morse and Representative Gardner agreed to sponsor the rule review bill. Senator Carroll, Senator Roberts, Senator Schwartz, Representative Labuda, Representative Levy, Representative Murray, and Representative Waller agreed to be co-sponsors on the bill. Senator Brophy asked not to be a co-sponsor on the bill.

8:42 a.m.

The Committee adjourned.